



CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE June 1, 2013

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO July or August CTE Update—
the next will be coming September 1st, 2013

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

No update at this time.

FFA

Its summer time in Montana and that means a busy time for FFA. FFA had a little down time after state convention, which concluded the 6th of April. May was a month of recouping and getting ready for a busy summer. Our new Montana FFA State Officer team was elected on April 6th, and for 8 young people, life just got a lot busier.

I would like to introduce our 2013-2014 Montana FFA State Officer Team:

President - Caitlin Creighton, Missoula
1st Vice President – Gwynn Simeniuk, Opheim
2nd Vice President – Austin Standley, Missoula
Secretary – Whitney Hilliard, Miles City
Treasurer – John Walker, Park (Livingston)
Reporter – Shanna Olson, Richey
Sentinel – Warren Krone, Electric City (Great Falls)
Parliamentarian – Taylor Brown, Richey

This next month these 8 officers will be very busy and will continue with a packed schedule for the next few months until school starts in August. We kick June off with BLAST-OFF (Building Leaders And Strong Teams Of Officers) June 4-6, where the officers will go through two and a half days of officer training put on by the National FFA Organization. After BLAST OFF we head right to our summer executive meeting. June 13-16 the state officers will be attending our Alumni Leadership Camp in Highwood, MT. This is a chance to spend time with about 100 members and help develop leadership skills. This is also a wonderful opportunity for the officers to spend time together and really get to know one another before we head off to NLCSO. NLCSO is National Leadership Conference for State Officers. NLCSO is June 17-20 in Cody, Wyoming. NLCSO is where the newly elected state officers from Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota come together to develop team building, workshop and leadership skills. This training event is put on by past state officers, national officers and two of the current national officers. This is the first time the state officers will get a change to dig deep into teamwork and individual strengths and weaknesses. Then June is rounded out with our Ag. Opportunities Tour, which will be June 27-29 in Western Montana. This year our tour will be focusing on the beef industry in Montana. We will be touring the Bitterroot Valley and the Dillon area. The Ag Opportunities Tour is not only for the state officers, but is open for advisors and FFA members to attend. This is a wonderful way for students to learn about our state and Montana agriculture.

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Business Education

Business Professionals of America

Montana BPA Members "Uncover their Magic" at 2013 National Leadership Conference

Members from 52 of Montana Business Professionals of America's secondary chapters attended the 2013 National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida, May 8-12. In total, Montana BPA was represented by 365 students, advisors, and guests.

During the conference, many Montana BPA attendees took part in the Montana BPA Day at Daytona Beach with Bubba Gump activity which offered Montana BPA members the chance to spend a day at Daytona Beach and lunch at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Company.

In addition to competitive events, leadership workshops, and tours, attendees were also able to complete a series of industry certifications from Certipoint for \$5 each through the Certification Lab. This year, certifications were available within the Adobe Certified Associate, Microsoft Office Specialist, and Microsoft Technology Associate programs.

Cut Bank High School member Kelsey Madler was the highest scoring student in the Microsoft Office Specialists' Word 2013 Core exam. As a result of this accomplishment, Kelsey has earned a spot in the [2013 Microsoft Office Specialist Worldwide Challenge](#) in Washington, DC, as Business Professionals of America's Word representative.

In competitive events, a large number of Montana BPA students placed in the Top 10 in both individual and team events with the following being recognized with plaques and medals for their Top 3 finish:

- Kelsie Harriman, Park High School: 3rd Place, Administrative Support Research Project-Individual
- Kelsey Madler, Cut Bank High School: 1st Place, Advanced Word Processing Skills
- Marcus Twichel, Laurel High School: 1st Place, Fundamental Desktop Publishing
- Kelsie Harriman, Park High School: 3rd Place, Human Resource Management
- Cali Ruth, Melstone High School: 2nd Place, Interview Skills
- Rylee Hoyem, Shields Valley High School: 2nd Place, Medical Office Procedures
- Sam Noble, Park High School: 3rd Place, Marketing/Management/Human Resources Concepts

Overall, 34 individuals and/or teams were called to the stage during the awards ceremony for placing in the Top 10 or for being a Finalist in their respective events.

In non-competitive event awards, five Montana chapters were recognized as Quality Chapters (Colstrip, Melstone, Shields Valley, Sidney, and White Sulphur Springs) and 75 Montana members received their national-level Ambassador Torch Award.

Additionally, Sidney High School member Krista Steinbeisser was awarded a \$1000.00 National Technical Honor Society scholarship.

The 2014 Business Professionals of America National Leadership Conference, *Accelerate Your Future*, will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, April 30-May 4. Mark your calendars.

Montana DECA

No update at this time.

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education

No update at this time.

Montana FCCLA

No update at this time.

Remember to follow [Montana FCCLA](#) on Facebook!

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Health Sciences Education

Biomedical Science teachers from Billings, Bozeman, Helena, Missoula and Whitefish met in Helena on May 14th and 15th for professional development.

Biomedical Science teachers attend a comprehensive two week core training for each course they teach, but this was the first time they got together to collaborate on instruction, materials, and strategies for this exciting program. This Project Lead the Way curriculum includes: Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions and Biomedical Innovations. The first cohort of students completing all four courses held a celebration on May 29th at Bozeman High School. Congratulations seniors!!

Montana HOSA

HOSA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The HOSA National Leadership Conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee this year, June 25 – 30th. Students who finished in the top three in their respective events at the State Leadership Conference earned the chance to compete at Nationals. We have a small group attending NLC this year – just one student, Madi Nason, from Bozeman High School and one advisor, Wes Peters, from Butte High School. Madi will be competing in the Clinical Specialty event showcasing the work she did to prepare for a career in Physical Therapy. Our National Region 1 Vice-President, Darby Lacey, will be leading many activities and sessions at the National Conference. Darby has been an outstanding representative for Montana HOSA at the National level and we couldn't be prouder of our first National Officer from Montana!

TRANSITION TO NEW STATE HOSA ADVISOR

Current HOSA State Advisor, Bergen Morehouse, will be leaving her position this summer. Her husband has accepted a job in Kansas and they will be moving in July. The HOSA Board is in the process of planning for this



transition and working on steps for hiring a new State Advisor. Once the HOSA Board knows more, they will communicate this information with OPI and its constituents.

"I have greatly enjoyed these last 4 years serving as the Montana State HOSA Advisor! Thank you to all the chapter members, advisors, Board members, and local healthcare organizations for your support and dedication. Montana is very lucky to have such talented educators and students who are passionate about pursuing careers in healthcare and I look forward to following the growth of Montana HOSA for many years to come. Programs like this are making a difference in student's lives and I feel very fortunate to have been a part of this!"

~ Bergen Morehouse

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Industrial, Trades and Technology Education

WELDING AWS CERTIFICATION TEACHER TRAINING

High School Welding Teachers: obtain your AWS Welder Qualification and two college credits with this free 40-hour workshop offered at Flathead Valley Community College, June 17-21, 2013. This workshop will train instructors in:

- 3/8" or unlimited dual shield flux core in accordance with AWS plate testing standards
- 3/8" or unlimited 7018 SMAW in accordance with AWS plate testing standards

There is no cost to attend. Lodging, mileage, and tuition costs are covered. Space is limited! Reserve your spot early or get more information by contacting Beth Romain at 406-756-3923 or eromain@fvcc.edu.

SkillsUSA

The Ford/AAA Student Automotive Skills Competition will take place at the Ford Motors Headquarters in Dearborn, Michigan on June 9th-12th. This is the 64 year that the contest has taken place. One high school team from each state is eligible to compete in the national event after placing first in their statewide competition.

Automotive Instructor, Joe Wilkins, and his winning state team from Paris Gibson Learning Center, Great Falls, will represent Montana. The National competition provides an opportunity to showcase learned automotive technology skills and compete for valuable scholarships, tools, and national recognition. For more information, please go to www.autoskills.aaa.com.

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